

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for presently pending claims 1, 2, 4 and 12, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicit in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) A production system comprising a plurality of fabrication apparatuses arranged in series for performing a sequential processing of work units applied to the system, all or some of said fabrication apparatuses being respectively equipped with sets of lamps each of which visually indicates fabrication states of the corresponding fabrication apparatus by energizing or de-energizing different colored lamps, said production system comprising:

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a lamp control signal monitor being provided in each of the lamp equipped fabrication apparatuses, said lamp control signal monitor receiving lamp control information used to energize or de-energize said colored lamps, and storing data indicative of start and finish time points and time durations of energization and de-energization of the colored lamps.

2. (Amended) The production system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the lamp equipped fabrication apparatuses comprises a display coupled to the lamp control signal monitor, the display selectively indicating a time duration for which one of the fabrication states continues, the displaying being performed under control of said lamp control signal monitor and based on said data stored in the control signal monitor.

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4. (Twice Amended) The production system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the lamp control signal monitor further comprises a switch for selecting one or more time durations to be displayed on the display.

12. (Amended) The production system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lamp control signal monitor further comprises a switch for selecting one or more time durations to be displayed on the display.